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MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members:

Today marks the first of July and that means some exciting news for our District workers.

Beginning July 1, 2015, the minimum wage in the District of Columbia is set to increase from \$9.50 to \$10.50 per hour for all workers, regardless of size of employer. As the District takes one step forward towards paving a pathway to the middle class, my office is dedicated to working with the Department of Employment Services to ensure that our community is aware of the new increase and their other rights as employees.

With the 4th of July coming up this weekend, the District will also be home to numerous parades and block parties. This Saturday, I will be marching with Mayor Bowser at the Barracks Row Parade, held on the corner of 8th and I St SE at 10 am. I encourage you to come march with me and my staff as we celebrate Independence Day in true District fashion. However you choose to celebrate the 4th of July, have fun and be safe!

Finally, I want to end on a personal note. As you may have heard, last week the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is a right in every state. The morning of June 26, 2015 was an incredible roller coaster - my emotions were going up and down - I was fearful that the court would rule against but I was also excited of the prospect that I would be equal under the law. When the court decision was announced, I was proud that every American had become equal in the eyes of the law throughout every state in the United States. I am honored to be a part of Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration where she has made sure that that every Washingtonian is equal under the eyes of the law, regardless of who you are, or who you love.

Progress has been made but there is still more work to do. Even though same-sex marriage is now considered a right through the 14th Amendment, members of the LGBTQ community still face discrimination and hardship. I hope that you will join me as this office continues to strive for equality in the AAPI community.

Happy Independence Day!





Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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Warm regards,

David Do
Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Welcomes An Additional Summer Intern



Saebin Jang

Saebin Jang will be joining the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs for the summer. She was connected to MOAPIA through an internship program under the League of Korean Americans-Maryland (LOKA-MD) and is currently attending Thomas S. Wootton High School. Born in South Korea and having moved to the United States during her elementary school years, Saebin is fluent in both Korean and English. She is interested in helping out Asian and Pacific Islander residents in the United States because of her background and having gone through the experience as an immigrant herself. She is also an active member and an officer of the Asian American Club in her school which strives to promote Asian culture to students.

She has not decided on her major yet because she is still in high school, but she is interested in studying either computer science or world/international relations in college. Saebin hopes to gain a lot of experience through this internship by meeting new people, experiencing areal work environment, and getting a close-view of how local government works.

MOAPIA Summer Social - 7/14

Cool off during the summer heat and join the Mayor's Office on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs for a happy hour to network with young professionals in the DC area.

Tuesday, **July 14th**
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Zengo (781 Seventh St NW)

RSVP: moapiasummersocial.eventbrite.com

For more information, contact Christina Truong at christina.truong@dc.gov or call (202) 727-3120.



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Chinatown Park Start FRESH! - Free Summer Fitness Classes

MOAPIA is hosting a series of free summer fitness classes as part of its **Chinatown Park Start FRESH!** project, a series of fun and healthy outdoor activities in Chinatown Park to encourage District residents to adopt healthy lifestyle choices.

Location: Chinatown Park (Mass Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW)

- 7/13 & 7/27, 7 pm: YOGA in the City
- 7/20, 7 pm: Defend Back with TAE KWON DO

RSVPs are encouraged but walk-ins are welcomed! To register, go [here](#).

For more information, email MOAPIA at oapia@dc.gov.



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Led by Chris Parkison of VIDA Fitness

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with TAE KWON DO**
Led by Grandmaster Jon O'Kelly
of Northeast Tae Kwon Do



MOAPIA in the Community

MOAPIA Participates in MPD's "Beat the Streets DC"

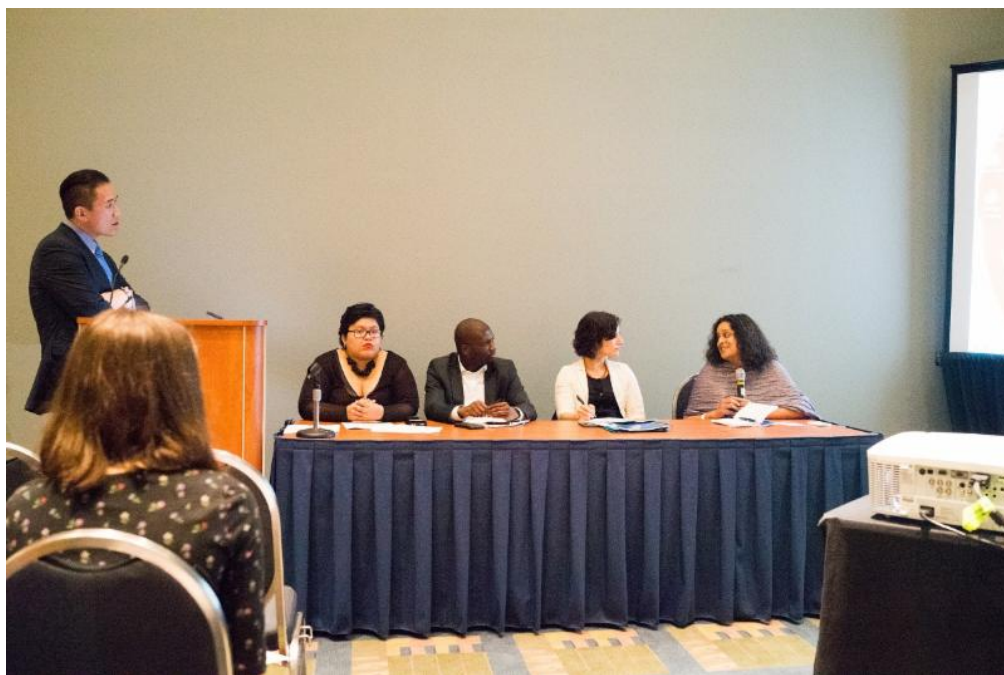


MOAPIA Community Outreach Assistant Jane Kim speaking with an attendee

On June 24, 2015, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) kicked off its "Beat the Streets DC" series at Le Droit Park. MOAPIA Director Do and staff hosted an informational booth at the event to inform community members about MOAPIA services and programs.

"Beat the Streets DC" serves as a traveling Community Festival and is a partnership between the Metropolitan Police Department, local social service agencies and community vendors. There will be six more events held throughout the summer.

MOAPIA Participates in DHCD's 7th Annual Housing Expo



Director Do with panelists: Jackie Reyes, Mamadou Samba, Hamutal Bernstein, and Seema Agnani

On June 27, 2015, MOAPIA participated in the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)'s Seventh Annual Housing Exposition held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. MOAPIA hosted a panel discussion to discuss the challenges limited English proficient (LEP) Asian, African, and Latino residents face when finding affordable housing. The panel included housing and community experts from the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs, Mayor's Office on African Affairs, Urban Institute, and the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development. The panel touched on topics such as accounting for transportation needs along with housing, encouraging agencies to provide language interpretation and translation for more communities, and increasing inter-agency outreach efforts.

Events and Announcements

Community Calendar

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Shannon Place Open House - 7/1

Join Team Muriel as we open up one of our premier DC government offices and welcome the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity and her team!

The block party and open house will be at our new office east of the river, located on Shannon Place, SE. We hope you can join us for a fun event with music, refreshments and celebration of this important addition to our city's leadership.

**2235 Shannon Place, SE
Washington, DC 20020**

**July 1, 2015
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**



4th of July Activities in the District

The District will be hosting numerous fun, family-friendly activities this Saturday to celebrate the 4th of July.

Event 1: Barracks Row Annual 4th of July Parade
Details: Corner of 8th and I St SE, 10 am

The annual 4th of July Parade is back on Barracks Row! It's always fun celebrating our Independence by watching the parade go up 8th Street, so please come out and join the Mayor at this festive event!

Event 2: Palisades 49th Annual 4th of July Parade
Details: Corner of Whitehaven Parkway and MacArthur Boulevard, 11 am

The Palisades' signature event, 49th annual July 4th Parade & Picnic! Following the parade there is a free picnic for all at the Palisades Recreational Center featuring hot dogs, watermelon, drinks, live music and moon bounces.

Event 3: FRESHFest Bruce Monroe Park Block Party
Details: Corner of Irving St & Georgia Ave NW, 12 pm

Join the Mayor's Office for our first annual #FRESH Fourth of July Block Party! Enjoy good music, activities, food and fun with leaders from the Executive Office of the Mayor and the Metropolitan Police Department.

Event 4: FRESHFest Truesdell EC Park Block Party
Details: 9th St between Hamilton St & Gallatin St., 12 pm

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Event 5: FRESHFest Marvin Gaye Park Block Party

Details: 5200 Block of Foote St, NE and Division Ave, NE, 6:30 pm

Join the Mayor's Office for our first annual #FRESH Fourth of July Block Party! Enjoy good music, activities, food and fun with leaders from the Executive Office of the Mayor and the Metropolitan Police Department.

Event 6: FRESHFest Oxon Run Park Block Party

Details: 4th and Mississippi Ave, SE., 6:30 pm

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4th of July Family Fun

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To RSVP for any of the events, please go to:
<http://www.eventbrite.com/o/executive-office-of-the-mayor-eom-7897460941>



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To RSVP for any of the events, please register [here](#).

CALL TO HOMEOWNERS: Participate in DDOE's RiverSmart Homes Program



Every year in the District, 25 million gallons of water flows into our local waterways. This means that every time it rains, rainwater becomes storm water pollution because it picks up toxic wastes such as oil and grease from our driveways and bacteria from lawns and pet secretions. The RiverSmart Homes program offers various services for homeowners to reduce storm water pollution entering D.C.'s local streams and waterways.

Not only will these RiverSmart Home installations help homeowners beautify their properties but they will also reduce levels of storm water pollution from local waterways. As a homeowner, installing any of the services such as rain barrels, shade trees, rain gardens, pervious pavers, and BayScaping will add beauty to your landscape, reduce water related maintenance, and save money on heating and cooling bills. As a DC resident, take advantage of these available incentive programs and help make the District a more environmentally friendly city!

For more information on how to apply, please visit DDOE's website [here](#).

Employment Opportunities

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The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as well as a plethora of benefits. So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job

training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

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